

**REMARKS**

Figure 1 has been objected to due to a minor informality. Please note that the Figure has been amended to obviate the Examiner's objection.

A substitute specification has been required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.125(a) because the specification as filed is replete with grammatical errors. Attached hereto is a substitute specification with markings showing all of the changes relative to the immediate prior version. Additionally, a clean copy of the specification is also included. Please note that no new matter has been included.

Claims 1-12 have been objected to due to minor informalities. Please note the claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's objection.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chan, U.S. Patent No. 5,938,294. Additionally, claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chan '294 in view of Hyams, U.S. Patent No. 4,043,685. The Examiner has indicated that claim 11 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Please note that claim 1 has been amended to more clearly claim the invention, and now includes the subject matter of claim 11. Thus, the claims are now patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

As the claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, the Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend Figure 1 as indicated on the attached sheet.